**बिना बारी के टेलीफोन कनैक्शनों का दिया जाना**

2905. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) नवम्बर, 1988 से 28 फरवरी, 1989 तक की अवधि (चार मास) के दौरान "प्राथमिकता" या "बिना बारी" के आधार पर राज्यवार कितने-कितने नए टेलीफोन कनक्शनों की स्वीकृति दी गई है;

(ख) इन में से कितने कनैक्शन लगाए जा चुके हैं;

(ग) कितने कनैक्शन अभी तक नहीं लगाए गए हैं, और उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) ये कनैक्शन कब तक लगा दिए जाएंगे ?

**संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरधर गोमांगो) :**

(क) से (ख) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

**Telex machines in Delhi**

2906. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telex connections working in Delhi;

(b) how many Telex machines are of old model and what is the number of Electronic Telex machines working as on 1st January, 1989;

(c) whether Government propose to replace the Old Telex machines with modern electronic machines in Delhi; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Number of Telex connections working in Delhi as on 1-1-89 are—6522.

(b) The number of Electromechanical type Telex machines—5036.

The number of Electronic Telex machines—1145.

The number of Subscribers owned Telex Machines—341.

(c) to (d) The departmental electromechanical telex machines are replaced by electronic telex machines on request from subscribers subject to availability. These machines will be repleced progressively depending upon the demands from subscribers by 1995.

**Telephone facility to on-board passengers**

2907. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide telephone facility to on-board passengers on Indian Airlines and Air India flights and Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**SC/ST employees in Communications Departments**

2908. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of the staff in the Indian Telephone Industries, and the Hindustan Teleprinters Limited, Telecommunications Consultants (India) Limited, Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited;

(b) what is the number and percentage of employees belonging to SCs/STs in each of them and whether the job reservation policy is being fully implemented there; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The total staff strength is as under:

ITI—32,374
HTL—1838
TCIL—302
MTNL—49804
VSNL—3,028.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The Government policy is to reserve posts at the rate of 15 per cent and 7½ per cent for SCs/STs respectively while making direct recruitment upto the lowest rank of Group 'A' Posts *i.e.*, in the scale of Rs. 2200—4000 or equivalent.

**Refund of rent for dead telephones**

2909. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state whether there is any arrangement for the refund rent charged for dead telephones and overbilling in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): Yes, Sir, when the telephones, telex services, leased lines and junction lines in case of a PABX/PBX of a subscriber remain interrupted continuously for 15 days or more due to departmental reasons rebate in rental is granted.

Rebates on excess billing complaints are allowed on the basis of justification, if any, found after due investigation.

**Waiting lists for telephones in metropolitan cities**

2910. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of intending telephone subscribers on the waiting list in each of the metropolitain cities and State Capitals as on the 1st January, 1989;

(b) the dates of registration upto which subscribers on the waiting lists have been provided with telephones;

(c) by when the subscribers in the waiting list in aech one of these cities would be provided with telephones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) The information is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See below*).

(c) The objective of the department for the Seventh Plan (1985—90) is to provide telephone connections by the end of Seventh Five Year Plan (by 31-3-90) to those applicants who have been registered on an average upto:

(i) 30-9-86 in all metropolitan towns and all major telephone districts.

(ii) 1-4-87 in all minor telephone districts and in all large size exchanges of capacity more than 2000 lines; and

(iii) 1-4-88 in all exchanges of capacity between 200 lines and 2000 lines.

The remaining applicants shall be provided with telephone connections progressively during the Eighth Plan period.